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## Burma

### Grain and Feed

## Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report-November 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

Burmese bean and pulse exports increased 23 percent in November from the same period in 2003. China became the largest buyer in November accounting for 35 percent of total bean and pulse exports, followed by India (32 percent). Meanwhile Burmese bean and pulse exports to Japan dropped dramatically due to a finding of beyond-limit hydrogen cyanide contamination in Burma's Butter beans (Lima beans).

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## Trade

In November, Burma exported 45,107 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses, up 23 percent from the same period in 2003. Matpe exports accounted for 65 percent of the total beans and pulses export, followed by mung beans (20 percent) and chickpea (9 percent). The major destination was China (35 percent of total exports), followed by India (32 percent).

Bangladesh - a total of 4,395 mt of beans and pulses exported:

4,280 mt of Matpe  
115 mt of Mung beans

China - a total of 15,779 mt of beans and pulses exported:

8,456 mt of Matpe  
7,323 mt of Mung beans

India - a total of 14,586 mt of beans and pulses exported:

10,811 mt of Matpe  
1,471 mt of Mung beans  
539 mt of Chickpeas  
1,126 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)  
593 mt of Kidney beans  
46 mt of Various beans

Italy - a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:

46 mt of Mung beans

Korea – a total of 121 mt of beans and pulses exported:

21 mt of Mung beans  
100 mt of Black eye beans

Japan - a total of 320 mt of beans and pulses exported:

140 mt of Matpe  
60 mt of Bamboo beans  
120 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Malaysia - a total of 391 mt of beans and pulses exported:

391 mt of Matpe

Netherlands – a total of 67 mt of beans and pulses exported:

22 mt of Matpe  
22 mt of Mung beans  
23 mt of Kidney beans

New Zealand – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:

23 mt of Black eye beans

Pakistan - a total of 8,891 mt of beans and pulses exported:

5,251 mt of Matpe  
72 mt of Bamboo beans  
3,568 mt of Chickpeas

Sri Lanka - a total of 70 mt of beans and pulses exported:

70 mt of Matpe

Singapore - a total of 105 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
                     82 mt of Matpe  
                     23 mt of Mung beans

Thailand - a total of 96 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
                     96 mt of Mung beans

United Arab Emirates - a total of 117 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
                     117 mt of Black eye beans

Vietnam – a total of 100 mt of beans and pulses exported:  
                     100 mt of Mung beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	129,001
May	51,591	139,895
June	100,893	98,906
July	107,520	68,992
August	87,198	47,786
September	100,575	30,748
October	99,008	34,080
November	36,638	45,107
December	38,493	
TOTAL	890,055	867,287

## Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met on November 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 285

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 340

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 270

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)(FAQ) US\$ 310

Note: Average exchange rate in November: one US\$=Kyat 958

**Market Situation**

The inflow of new bean and pulse crop into Rangoon markets in November was low. Trading activities started to pick up only in the last week of November due to some export loading activities. Border trade was also low. China, which has inconsistent bean demand, became the largest buyer, followed by India. Meanwhile Burmese bean and pulse exports to Japan dropped dramatically due to a finding of beyond-limit hydrogen cyanide contamination in Burma's Butter beans (Lima beans). Trade sources reported that several Burmese exporters mixed new-crop beans of low hydrogen cyanide contamination with old-crop beans, which typically contain high level of this toxic substance, before they exported to Japan. Meanwhile, they sent good samples of low-chemical-contaminated beans to export surveyors for testing before they exported. Bean and pulse exports to China and Thailand are mostly border trade deals.

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